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CENTRAL FAX CENTER**JUL 19 2004****IBM Docket No. RSW9-2000-0038US1****In the United States Patent and Trademark Office****OFFICIAL****Date:** July 19, 2004**In re Application of:** Mohammad Peyravian et al**Filed:** April 14, 2000**For:** Method and Apparatus for Secure Password Transmission and Password Changes**Serial Number:** 09/549,944**Art Unit:** 2312**Examiner:** Kambiz, Zand**Amendment**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed March 19, 2004. A request for the necessary extension of time in which to respond is filed concurrently herewith.

The specification has been amended to add reference numerals and a missing sentence. Support for these changes can be found in Figure 2 of the existing drawings. When the original specification and the drawing are read together, it will be clear that no new matter is being added to the specification.

The Office action objected to Figure 2 as including reference numerals not included in the specification. The changes to the specification noted above overcome this objection.

The Office action allowed claims 6 and 10-12 and rejected the other claims. All non-allowed claims are being canceled in this amendment. Claim 12 is amended to correct a misspelling. Informalities in the claims have been corrected.

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